THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The total value of production in Ordnance Factory Ambajhari in 1992-93 has been Rs. 78.3 crore (provisional) as against Rs. 67.8 cr. in 1991-92.

(b) and (c) The value added per worker in the factory in 1991-92 has been Rs. 44,268/-. The value added compares well with other similar ordnance factories.

Defence installations in Kasauli

1929. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether defence installations in Kasauli have been threatened by unchecked building activity around it;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Himachal Pradesh Government; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (c) Several representations from voluntary organisations and residents of Kasauli Cantonment in Himachal Pradesh alleging unauthorised constructions outside the Cantoment limits endangering the existing environment/defence installations etc. were received in the Ministry of Defence. As an immediate measure a ban was imposed on movement of trucks carrying building material from Cantonment areas by the local military authorities and for stopping supply of water for construction related activities outside the cantonments.

Earlier in view of mushrooming multistoreyed apartments under construction in the periphery of Kasauli Cantonment, the matter regarding extension of provision of Section 286 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 upto 1 km. from the existing boundaries of Cantonment was taken up with Himachal Pradesh Government During subsequent meeting with the State Government authorities, the importance of preservation of security and environment of Kasauli Cantonment in the context of builders activities was stressed upon. For their part, the State Government have constituted Kasauli Planning Area with effect from 17-10-1991 under Section 31 of Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Act, 1977. The State Government have also under notification dated 31-08-91 frozen the existing land use of Kasauli Planning Area for a period of 3 years.

Use of land acquired by Ministry of Defence

1930. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Defence has not been able to make use of the lands acquired by it;

(b) what are the State-wise details of the land acquired during the last three years;

(c) whether Government could achieve the objectives for which the land was acquired; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Lands were acquired by the Ministry of Defence, to serve both short and long term defence purposes. The extent of utilisation inter-alia, is dependent on availability of funds as well as inter-se priorities of various defence schemes.

The state-wise details of land acquired for defence purposes during the last three years are indicated in the annexed statement.